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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of South Alabama, Mobile - MA, History, December, 2009

Combat Studies Institute - Military History Instructors Course (3 semester hrs. graduate credit) May, 2009

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill - Graduate Study, Curriculum and Instruction, 1982-85

University of Alabama at Birmingham - M.A.Ed., Physics Education, December, 1981

University of South Alabama, Mobile - B.S.Ed., Science Education, June, 1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE, Mobile, 2010-present.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, 2017-present

Instructor in History, 2010-2017

Courses taught:	2010-present	History of Western Civilization	HI-101, HI-102
	2014-present	World History	HI-103, HI-104
	2012-present	United States History	HI-201, HI-202
	2019-present	The American Military Experience	HI-297/MS494
		Principal Instructor, ROTC Staff Ride: Battle of Mobile Bay	
	2011-present	World Regional Geography	GEO-301

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, Mobile, 1985-1987, 2006-2012.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Military Science	2010-2012	History of the American Military Experience Principal Instructor, ROTC Staff Ride: Battle of Mobile Bay, Battle of Blakeley
Assistant Instructor	2007-2009	Warfare and Modern Society (2 semesters)
Graduate Teaching Assistant	2006-2009	History of Western Civilization (6 semesters)

Lecturer in Elementary-Early Childhood Ed.	1986-1987	Teaching Social Studies Teaching Science Field Experiences
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Assistant Director	1984-1986	South AL Research and Inservice Center
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, 1982-1985.

Graduate Teaching Assistant for:	Education in American Society (4 semesters) Social Concepts and Problems in American Education (2 semesters)
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Research Assistant:	North Carolina Center for Mathematics and Science May, 1984 - December, 1984
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JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, Birmingham, Alabama, 1978-1982.

Four years experience as physics and mathematics teacher. John Carroll is a four year Catholic high school which has an enrollment of 1,000 students and offers, primarily, a college preparatory curriculum.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE, 2005-2014.

Colonel, Commander, 3rd Brigade. Previous assignments included Brigade Deputy Commander and Administrative Officer (G-1). Awarded the Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge.

U. S. ARMY RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD, 1978-1990.

Captain, Infantry/Chemical Corps. Served as rifle company executive officer, chemical officer, aide-de-camp for a Brigadier General and commander of a Support Group headquarters company. Individual Ready Reserves assignments included R.O.T.C. Advanced Camp evaluator, staff assignments with the 29th Infantry Regiment and The Infantry School.

UNITED STATES ARMY, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1976-1978.

Second Lieutenant, Infantry. Served as a weapons platoon leader and company executive officer with the 4-54th Infantry. Awarded Expert Infantry Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge.

AWARDS AND HONORS

University of Mobile - Honorary Fellow, 2014

Rod Hickman Service Award - USA History Department, 2007, 2009

Robert L. Brunhouse Award - Outstanding USA History Graduate Student, 2007

Phi Alpha Theta, 2007 - Rho Theta Chapter, University of South Alabama, President, 2007

Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter, University of Mobile, Advisor, 2011-2012

Phi Delta Kappa, 1986 - Carolina Chapter, University of North Carolina

Order of Saint Maurice - Legionnaire, National Infantry Association, 2015

Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service, 2012

Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Service, 2004

Distinguished Military Graduate, R.O.T.C., 1975

Society of Scabbard and Blade, 1974 - Company C-17, University of South Alabama, Captain, 1975

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission, 2009-present

Director/Public Affairs, 2011-2014

Vice President, Public Affairs, 2015-present

Essay Contest Judge, 2018-present

United States Selective Service System, Member Local Board 049 (Mobile County), 2017-present

Alabama Lighthouse Association, Board of Directors, 2016-present, Director of Research, 2017-present

History Museum of Mobile - Board of Directors, 2010-2014, Vice Chairman, 2011-13, Chairman 2014

Alabama War of 1812 Commission, 2012-2015, Chairman

University of South Alabama National Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 2005-11

Secretary, 2010-11

USA ROTC Alumni Regiment, Charter President, 2004

University of South Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame Council, 2009-present

Kiwanis Club of West Mobile - 1985-2011, President, 1989-1991

Boy Scouts of America - Adult Volunteer, 1991-present

Mobile Area Council Commissioner, 2019-present

Silver Beaver, Cubmaster Award of Merit, St. George's Award

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, West Fellow, William D. Boyce Award

National Association of Masonic Scouters, Charter President, 2007-2013, Director, 2013-present
 National Community Relationships Committee/Task-force, 2006-present
 Powder Horn, 2004, Staff (backup Director) 2012
 Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood, Secretary Advisor, 2001-2003
 Appalachian Trail Trek Leader, 6 years (240 miles total)
 Shooting Sports Director (Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol, Muzzleloading, Archery, Range Safety)
 National Jamboree Staff - Action Center A - Air Rifle, 2001, 2005, 2010
 Pistol Range (.22 and 9mm), Instructor and Safety Officer 2013, 2017
 Venturing Crew Advisor, District Commissioner, Assistance Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chair
 Cubmaster, Den Leader
 Sons of the American Revolution, General Galvez Chapter, 2008-present, President, 2011, Secretary 2013
 Alabama Society SAR, Recording Secretary, 2012 & 2013
 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp #11, 2014-present
 Mobile Civil War Roundtable, Treasurer, 2019-present
 American Legion, Alabama Post No. 3, 2017-present
 Post Historian, 2017-present
 Executive Committee member, 2020-present
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Vestry, 1993-95, Clerk, 1994-95; Lay Reader, 2000-present, Choir, 1992-2017
 Alabama Grand Lodge, Free & Accept Masons
 Grand Lodge Bicentennial Committee, Chairman, 2018-present
 Masonic Education & Public Relations Committee, Chairman, 1998-2005, 2007-2008
 Child ID Committee, 2012-2013
 Assistant District Lecturer, Mobile County, 1994-97
 Submarine Hunley/George E. Dixon Funeral Committee, 2003-04
 (Served as Master of funeral on April 7, 2004 in Charleston, SC.)
 Square and Compasses Foundation Board of Directors, 1998-2002, Vice-Chairman, 2002.
 Mobile Masonic Lodge No. 40, 1973 - Treasurer, 2006-14, 2016-present, Secretary, 1985-88
 Past Master (Avondale Lodge) 1980-1982, (J. H. McCormick) 1996-1997, (Mobile) 2014-2016,
 Mobile Scottish Rite Bodies, Inspector General, Honorary (33rd Degree), 2001
 Mobile York Rite Bodies, Knight Templar
 Red Cross of Constantine, St. Bernard Conclave - Puissant Sovereign, 1995
 York Rite College, Alabama College No. 3 - Governor, 1994, Order of the Purple Cross, August 2, 1997
 DeMolay International, Legion of Honour, 2001, Chevalier, 1999, Cross of Honour, 1998
 National Judge, Koch Essay Contest, 2019

Masonic Research Societies/Lodges: Philalethes Society (Gulf Coast Chapter President), Scottish Rite
 Research Society, The Masonic Society, Research Lodges of Texas (Master, 2010-2011; Editorial Committee,
 2015-present), Alabama (charter member, President 2017-present), Louisiana, South Carolina, Southern
 California, Missouri, Confederate Military (AL), Civil War (VA)

Articles published in *Journal of The Masonic Society*, *Scottish Rite Journal*, *Philalethes*, *Plumbline*, *Knight
 Templar*, *Royal Arch Mason*, *The Masonic Messenger (AL)*, *Alabama Freemason*, *Transactions of the Louisiana
 Lodge of Research*, *Texas Lodge of Research Transactions*, *South Carolina Masonic Research Society
 Transactions*

Masonic presentations include over forty invited speeches, workshops and papers.

PERSONAL

Age 67; Height 5' 8"; Weight 184 lbs; health excellent

Born August 8, 1952, Mobile, Alabama

Married to Maryella Desak Sirmon, M.D.

Two sons: William Desak Sirmon, John Nathan Sirmon; two grandchildren

PUBLICATIONS

- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Mistaken Identity," *Scottish Rite Journal*, vol. 124, no. 5 (September-October 2016) 12-13, 28.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "New Orleans Roots of Freemasonry in Mobile," *2015 Transactions of the Louisiana Lodge of Research*, 60-70.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Book Review of *Echoes of Success: Identity and the Highland Regiments* by Ian Stuart Kelly in *Journal of Military History*, vol. 80, no. 2 (April, 2016) 566-568.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Book Review of *Brotherly Love: Freemasonry and Male Friendship in Enlightenment France* by Kenneth Loisselle in *Journal of the Masonic Society*, no. 29 (Summer 2015) 31.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Book Review of *Living Landmarks of Freemasonry* by Barry Mitchell in *Journal of the Masonic Society*, no. 25 (Summer 2014) 32-33.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Crossing Jordan: Jephthah, Judge of Israel and the Ephraimites," *Transactions of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society*, 25 (2014) 11-19.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Masonic Colleges in Antebellum Alabama," *Journal of The Masonic Society* no. 22 (Autumn 2013) 18-22.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Military Lodges," *The Virginia Masonic Herald* 105 no. 1 (Winter 2012) 12-13.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Sacred Retreat of Friendship and Virtue: Military Lodges during the American Civil War," Pts 1 and 2, *The Plumbline*, 18 no. 1 (Spring 2011) 1, 4-5; 18 no. 2 (Summer 2011) 1, 4-7.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Military Lodges (A Brief History)," *The Short Talk Bulletin* 89 no. 7 (July 2011).
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "Crossing Jordan: Jephthah, Judge of Israel and the Ephraimites," *Transactions of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society* 21 (2008) 1-12.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., "South Alabama Involvement in the Texas War of Independence," *Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research* 38 (2003) 58-66.

PEER REVIEWER

War in History

STAFF REVIEWER

Journal of the Masonic Society

PRESENTATIONS

- Sirmon, Wayne E., Dugald McFarlane, Grand High Priest of Alabama and the Republic of Texas. Paper presented at the York Rite Symposium sponsored by Texas Lodge of Research, Waco, TX, September 16, 2017.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., A Fine Field for Adventurous Spirits: Southern Volunteers in the Texas War of Independence 1835-1836. Paper presented at the meeting of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL, October, 2016.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., West by Southwest: the Old Southwest as the source of Frontier Freemasonry. Paper presented at the annual conference of The Masonic Society, San Jose, CA, October 8, 2016.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Fraternity during the Civil War: Freemasonry in Camp, Battle and Prison. Paper presented at the meeting of the Foothills Civil War Roundtable. Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, March 16, 2015.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., John R. Fretwell's Remarks on his involvement with the Submarine Hunley: A Living History. Paper presented at the meeting of the Foothills Civil War Roundtable. Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, April 16, 2012.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., The Battle of Blakeley. Paper presented at the meeting of the Civil War and Mobile Campaign Symposium, Spanish Fort, AL, March 4, 2012.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., New Orleans Roots of Freemasonry in Mobile. Paper presented at the meeting of the New Orleans Scottish Rite History and Research Symposium, New Orleans, LA, June 3, 2011.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., John Fretwell's Remarks on his involvement with the Submarine Hunley: A Living History. Paper presented at the South Carolina Masonic Research Society Symposium and Banquet: Freemasonry and the Civil War, Charleston, SC, April 22, 2011.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Masonic Heroes of the Alamo. Paper presented at the meeting of the United Kingdom Study Club of the Texas Lodge of Research, Durham UK, March 4, 2011.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Camp life at Fort Morgan: Off Duty Hours of a Regiment in training. Paper presented at the meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Livingston, AL, February, 2009.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Crossing Jordan. Paper presented at the meeting of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society, Mt. Pleasant, SC, June 14, 2008.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., The Knights Templar and the Just War Tradition. Paper presented at the meeting of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Birmingham, AL, February, 2008.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Masonic Archives of the Gulf South. Paper presented at the meeting of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL, October, 2007.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Fraternity and the American Civil War: Freemasons before, during and after battle. Paper presented at the meeting of the Ohio Valley History Conference, Johnson City, TN, October, 2006.
- Sirmon, Wayne E., Army Lodges of Alabama. Paper presented at the meeting of the Civil War Lodge of Research No. 1865, Dauphin Island, AL, April 8, 2006.

Sirmon, Wayne E., South Alabama Involvement in the Texas War of Independence. Paper presented at the Texas Lodge of Research, College Station, TX, September 20, 2003.

Sirmon, Wayne E., Masonic Medals and Insignia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians, Mobile, AL, April 26, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Invited Speaker, "Sermon for Scout Sunday", St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile, AL, February 2, 2020
- Radio Interview, "Veterans Day in Mobile," Midday Mobile, WAVH FM 106.5, November 4, 2019
- Invited Speaker, "Rededication of Ft. Conde Marker." Needham Bryan Chapter, D.A.R., October 5, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, "Ritual, Ciphers, and Exposes," Shades Valley Masonic Lodge, August 15, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, Bicentennial Keynote address "Claiborne's Masonic Lodge," Alabama Masonic Lodge, Perdue Hill, AL, May 4, 2019
- Invited Speaker, "Prisoners- North and South," Fort Blakeley Camp, SCV, Foley AL, March 12, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, "The Landmarks and Boundary Stones of Freemasonry," Georgiana-Davis Masonic Lodge No. 338, Trussville, AL, March 11, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, Centennial Keynote address "Pentalpha – history and meaning" Pentalpha Masonic Lodge, Saraland, AL, December 15, 2018.
- Invited Speaker, "The Confederate Submarine Hunley, as told by John Fretwell," Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263, Bay St. Louis, MS, April 24, 2018.
- Invited Speaker, "Masonic Involvement with the Submarine Hunley," Howard E. Palmes Masonic Lodge No. 917 (AL), April 10, 2018
- Invited Speaker, "Masonic Involvement with the Submarine Hunley," Athens Masonic Lodge No. 16 (AL), January 6, 2018
- Radio Interview, "Veterans Day in Mobile," Scuttlebutt, WAVH FM 106.5, November 8, 2017
- Invited Speaker, "The Confederate Submarine Hunley, as told by John Fretwell," Mobile Civil War Roundtable, October 23, 2017.
- Invited Speaker, "The Early History of Freemasonry in south Alabama," H. E. Palmes Masonic Lodge, Mobile, AL, September 26, 2017.
- Television Interview, "Veterans Day in Mobile, WMPI-TV, November 11, 2016.
- Invited Speaker, "The Life, Death and Funeral of George E. Dixon, Commander of the Confederate Submarine Hunley," Pentalpha Masonic Lodge, Saraland, AL, August 23, 2016.
- Radio Interview, "Veterans Day in Mobile," Midday Mobile, WAVH FM 106.5, November 10, 2015
- Radio Interview, "Veterans Day in Mobile," Alabama Public Radio, November 4, 2015 (Broadcast Nov. 11)
- Invited Speaker, "Infernal Machines," Raphael Semmes Camp No. 11, SCV, June 29, 2015.
- Invited Speaker, "The British Plan for the Gulf Coast in 1814-15," British Park, Mobile, AL, February 10, 2015.
- Invited Speaker, "General Jackson and South Alabama," Ft. Mims, AL, March 15, 2014.
- Invited Speaker, "Andrew Jackson: a complicated man," Ft. Mims Chapter, D.A.R., December 12, 2013.
- Invited Speaker, "The Americans are coming... to Mobile," Historic Mobile Preservation Society, November 21, 2013.
- Invited Speaker, "Mobile Under Spanish Rule," Bicentennial of Mobile becoming an American City, Fuerte Carlota / Fort Conde, Mobile, AL, April 13, 2013.
- Invited Speaker, "Constitution Day." Mobile Regent's Council, D.A.R. Constitution Day Observance, September 19, 2012.
- Invited Speaker, "Remembering 9/11," University of South Alabama, September 11, 2012.
- Invited Speaker, "How the South Won the War (of Independence)," Mobile Genealogical Society, July 14, 2012.
- Staff Ride Leader - "Battle of Blakeley"
University of South Alabama ROTC MS IV Course, April 8, 2016

University of South Alabama ROTC MS IV Course, November 23, 2013.
 Aviation Captains Career Course, April 20, 2012
 Civil War and Mobile Campaign Symposium, March 5, 2012.
 Aviation Captains Career Course, February 3, 2012.

Invited Speaker, "Infernal Machines," Fort Blakeley Camp, SCV, Foley AL, September 2011.
 Invited Speaker, "Museum of Motion," Eastern Shore Exchange Club, July, 2011.
 Invited Speaker, "All History is Local," Baldwin County Bicentennial Park, April 2, 2011.
 Invited Speaker, "Of God and of Christ," Forrest Hill Church of God, November 7, 2010.
 Invited Speaker, "Our Constitution: The Boundary Stone of our Nation," Mobile Area D.A.R. Chapters
 Constitution Day Observance, September 23, 2010
 Invited Speaker, "Colonial Militia and the Citizen-Soldier Tradition," General Galvez Chapter S.A.R., July,
 2010.
 Invited Speaker, "Alabama State Defense Force," Mobile Chapter D.A.R., April, 2010.
 Invited Speaker, "Alabama State Defense Force," d'Iberville Chapter D.A.R., November, 2009.
 Invited Speaker, "Alabama State Defense Force," Mobile Exchange Club, February, 2009.
 Invited Speaker, "Raphael Semmes: The Judge that never was," Mobile Exchange Club, July, 2008.
 Invited Speaker, University of South Alabama Odyssey 2008
 "Fraternity and the American Civil War," May, 2008
 "Knights Templar and Just War," May, 2008
 "Infernal Machines," May, 2008
 Invited Speaker, "Morality, Allegory and Symbols". Lanett Lodge F&AM, October 29, 2002.
 Invited Speaker, "St. John's Day". Daleville Lodge F&AM, December 7, 2001.
 Invited Speaker, "The Alabama Masonic Home," Albert J. Youndt and Baldwin County Chapters, National
 Sojourners, Mobile, AL, May, 24, 2000.
 Invited Speaker, "At the Passages of Jordan," Gulf Coast Philalethes Chapter, Mobile, AL, January 23,
 1999.
 Invited Speaker, "If You Pull Up The Boundary Stones," Baldwin County Masonic Sojourners' Breakfast
 Group, Malbis, AL, February 18, 1997.

Member, Cancer Education Committee, University of South Alabama Medical Center, 1985-1988.
 Member, UNC-CH School of Education Research Training Committee, 1984-1985.
 Member, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Visiting Committee for:
 Azalea Middle School, Mobile, AL, March 1986
 Morningside Elementary School, Mobile, AL, May, 1985

Judge, DECA, 1995
 Judge, Regional Computer Science Fair- 1995, 1996
 Judge, Mobile County Invent America - 1991
 Judge, District Social Studies Fair - 1989, 1990
 Judge Mobile County Science Fair: Earth/Space Science, 1996, Chemistry, 1996
 Middle School & High School Physical Science, 1997, 2001, 2006

SARIC Inservice Workshop Leader (30 programs), 1985-1986